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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AGATT

REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 9364, B) WILSON/ZAFIRIADIS TELECON
FEB. 21, 1975

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL, AGATT BUENOS AIRES HAD PLANNED TO MAKE BRIEF TRIP TO MONTEVIDEO IN CONJUNCTION WITH GAO TEAM NOW STUDYING URUGUAY'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO REF TELCON, PL93-554 IMPOSED CERTAIN FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS WHICH PROHIBIT NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL AND FORCED CANCELLATION OF AGATT'S TRIP TO URUGUAY.
2. EMBASSY REGRETS CANCELLATION AS WE BELIEVE AGATT'S PRESENCE IN URUGUAY WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN CONNECTION WITH GAO VISIT. WE ALSO CONCERNED THAT PERSONNEL CUTS AND LACK OF TRAVEL FUNDS HAVE NOT ALLOWED THIS POST'S NON-RESIDENT AGATT TO VISIT THE COUNTRY IN OVER A YEAR. AGRICULTURE IS OF COURSE BASIC ELEMENT IN URUGUAY'S ECONOMY, AND ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS GOOD LOCAL STAFF, FREQUENT VISITS BY AGATT ARE ESSENTIAL. CONSIDERING SHORT DISTANCE AND SMALL COST INVOLVED, LIMITATION OF TRAVEL FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE INSUPERABLE.
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